

APPENDIX S:
PROJECT INFORMATION MEETINGS
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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE
HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SEGMENT**

SAN FRANCISCO – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has extended the initial public comment period within the environmental planning process for the San Francisco to San Jose segment for an additional month, until April 6, 2009. The City of Palo Alto requested an extension of the comment period given the extensive community interest in the project and the interest also expressed by other Peninsula cities.

“The Authority encourages public agency and community input in scoping, which is the process for determining the general scope and content of the environmental impact report (EIR) that will be prepared for this section of the HST system,” said Dan Leavitt, deputy director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

“We hope affected communities will be fully engaged in this process from the beginning,” he continued, noting this is the beginning of the EIR process and the beginning of public participation in that process.

The Authority is starting to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the proposed San Francisco to San Jose alignment, and held public scoping meetings in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in January. The proposed alignment for the San Francisco to San Jose project would travel along the Caltrain rail right-of-way on the San Francisco Peninsula between the cities of San Francisco and San Jose. Stations are proposed in San Francisco, Millbrae, and San Jose with another potential station in Redwood City or Palo Alto.

Anyone interested in submitting comments on the scope of the EIR on the proposed San Francisco to San Jose section of the high-speed train system can send them in writing to: Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, ATTN: San Francisco to San Jose HST Project EIR/EIS, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 925 L Street, Suite 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Comments can also be provided by email with the subject line “San Francisco to San Jose HST” to: comments@hsr.ca.gov. For additional information regarding the California high-speed train environmental review process and to see project documents, visit <http://www.cahighspeedrail.gov/>.

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